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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 10960

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SUBJECT: DUTCH REQUEST TO USE U.S. OFFICE SPACE
IN LUANDA

REF: ABIDJAN 8404(NOTAL)

1. DUTCH CHARGE IN ABIDJAN, EDUARD ROELL, RETURNED NOVEMBER 17 FROM LUANDA WHERE HE IS NOW ACCREDITED AS CHARGE AND WHERE HE WILL BE RESIDENT AS AMBASSADOR BEGINNING EARLY 1977. REPORT ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF HIS VISIT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. ROELL SPENT MUCH OF HIS VISIT IN FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE, WHICH PRACTICALLY NONEXISTENT. HE DID OBSERVE OFFICES PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY USCONGEN, TWO AND ONE HALF FLOORS OF SECIL BUILDING, UNOCCUPIED, LOCKED AND GUARDED. SECIL BUILDING IS BY FAR THE MOST ATTRACTIVE AND FUNCTIONAL (ELEVATORS WORK) IN LUANDA. ROELL ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR DUTCH EMBASSY TO USE THE ONE HALF FLOOR WHICH WAS EARLIER OCCUPIED BY SHELL BEFORE LEASE BY USCONGEN. DUTCH WOULD PREFER LONG-TERM OCCUPANCY BUT WOULD BE GRATEFUL USE PREMISES ON TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL OTHER QUARTERS FOUND OR U.S. SEEKS RENEW OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN LUANDA. ROELL DID NOT KNOW STATUS U.S. LEASE, OR, INDEED, LOCATION OF KEYS, BUT ASKED EMBASSY TO ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYTHING COULD BE ARRANGED.

2. REQUEST EARLY REPLY SO THAT DUTCH AUTHORITIES CAN
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PROCEED WITH PLANNING OR RENEW SEARCH. THIS MESSAGE

REPEATED ROME SINCE ROELL INFORMS US ITALIAN EMBASSY
REPRESENTING U.S. INTERESTS IN ANGOLA. STEARNS

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